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Dear Presider	nts and Chairperson	s,			
Dear Colleag	ues,				

Dear Friends,

Medical autonomy impacts directly on all our patients as well as on our ability to care for foreign or migrant patients.

A flood of migrants is fleeing violence and the fundamentalism of certain ideologies, bringing us back to the historical and ethical origins of our World Medical Association.

Let us accept these people and give them the medical care they require.

For such is our simple duty, our contribution to the survival of peace in the world.

Amidst these upheavals the physician is at the forefront of the quest for peace and equity, for he is expected to provide an immediate medico-social response to the social determinants of health.

Let us be proud of being physicians,
Let us be proud of our World Medical Association,
Let us be proud of serving peace for the welfare of mankind.
Xavier Deau